

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 459

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LCO No. 2374

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by: (INS)

AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of title 38a of the general statutes, no group or individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469, of the general statutes, delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or after January 1, 2012, shall impose a copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for preventive care services.
- 9 (b) For purposes of this section, "preventive care services" include, 10 but are not limited to: (1) Annual physicals and periodic health 11 evaluations, including test and diagnostic procedures ordered in 12 connection with routine examinations such as annual physicals; (2) 13 routine prenatal and well-child care; (3) child and adult 14 immunizations; (4) tobacco cessation programs; and (5) obesity weight 15 loss programs. "Preventive care services" do not include any services 16 or benefits to treat an existing illness, injury or condition.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	October 1, 2009		New section	

Statement of Purpose:

To promote the health of Connecticut residents by prohibiting copayments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses for preventive care services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]